

40 Year Employees

Department for Children and Families-

Douglas Ptacek

I currently work for the Department for Families and Children (DCF) as the West Region's KEES Resource agent. I am married, have three grown sons and one beautiful granddaughter with another soon to arrive. Prior to the name change to DCF our agency was known as the Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). I started work for the State of Kansas on August 12, 1974 at the Fort Scott SRS Office as an Income Maintenance Worker. That same month on August 24th, 1974 I married and have been married to the same wonderful person for 41 years.

Over the last 40 years I worked as an Economic and Employment worker in offices in Oberlin and Stockton Kansas. In 1992 I became a Supervisor in the Hays Office, responsible for the staff that processed Elderly and Medical cases in 21 counties in the West Region.

In 2004 I took the position of Staff Development Specialist providing training to SRS staff in the West Region. Then in March of 2015 I began working in my current position as the KEES (Kansas Eligibility and Enforcement System) Resource Agent for the West Region.

Department of Administration-

Karen Sue Berroth

Karen currently works for the Department of Administration - Office of Financial Management Office. Most of her 40 year career with the State of Kansas has mainly dealt with fiscal related tasks i.e. accounts payable, accounts receivable, posting and reconciling ledgers, financial statements, budget preparation, Federal grants requests, etc. Karen started her State's career with the Kansas Department of Revenue - Alcoholic Beverage Control Division in April, 1973 as a Clerk I. In August, 1974, Karen left ABC to attend college at Washburn University for two years full-time taking mainly business/accounting courses. She was asked to return back to ABC in the summer of 1975 to assist with their fiscal year closing process. In September, 1976, Karen joined the Kansas Board of Agriculture as a Clerk II. Within seven months, she was quickly promoted to a Clerk Steno II position, and then to an Account Clerk II position. The Account Clerk II was later classified as an Office Assistant IV. In May of 1988, Karen was promoted to an Accountant I. It was during this time with Agriculture, she researched and purchased the first mobile phone ever ordered for the agency...which was then for Secretary Sam Brownback. In April, 1992, Karen left the Board of Agriculture to join the Kansas Department of Administration's Accounts & Reports Division as an Accountant II. During the Grave's administration, an additional task was assigned to her position. Karen had the privilege to be the fiscal liaison for the Lt. Governor Office in which she prepared the office's budget, process payments, prepared monthly financial reports and met with Lt. Gov. Sherrer to discuss financial matters. In April, 2000, Karen was promoted to an Accountant IV where she served as supervisor over the Central Services Team. Within the past five years, due to several reorganizations within Department of Administration, Karen's duties have changed. Currently, she now oversees the Account Payable Unit with OFM – D/A Accounting Team, and assists the Office of Chief Financial Officer-State Revolving Fund Team with fiscal related tasks. Karen takes great pride in her years of advancement which by taking on additional tasks she grew to better understand governmental accounting. When reviewing through her years of evaluations, a couple of things stuck out as being consistent among the various supervisors' comments..."Providing superior customer service is important to Karen", "We receive compliments on her professionalism" and "Karen is very diligent in her work and is relied upon to manage special situations needing immediate attention".

Karen married her husband Bob in 1985. She instantly became a step-mother to Bob's daughter Angie, and step-grandmother to Angie's children David and Kacie, and currently now has five great-grandchildren. Bob and Karen have two children of their own, Christopher and Jennifer. On August 19, 2015, Christopher and his wife Jolee had their 1st child.... a beautiful baby boy, Wyatt. Karen is looking forward to spending time with her new grandson. Karen is also learning to play golf so that when she retires, her husband and her can travel and play golf on various courses around the country.

Debbie Welton

Started working for Department of Administration, Division of Personnel Services, as a temp computerizing the personnel records for the entire state. The project took about two years. Debbie then moved to printing in 1976. Printing had just installed computers and was in the process of phasing out hot metal typesetting. She has seen a lot of modernization in the printing industry.

Debbie has been married to David for 41 years, they have two children Aaron and Ali. Aaron and Kim live in Topeka and have two children Aaron Jr., nine and David, five. The spring and fall weekends they watch the grandsons play soccer and take them to swimming classes at the YMCA in the off seasons. Ali is going to school in Kansas City, MO and lives in Lee's Summit, MO.

Department of Agriculture-

Lewis Hutfles

Lewis is an Agriculture Inspector in the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Commodities Assurance Program. He has had the opportunity to work in three state agencies commencing with the Kansas Department of Transportation in May 1975, transitioning to the Kansas Department of Revenue in June 1977, and landing with the Kansas Department of Agriculture in June 1989. The majority of Lewis's tenure with KDA has been in the petroleum measurement division of the Weights and Measures program. Today, Lewis is a member of the Agricultural Commodities Assurance Program. Throughout his career, Lewis has strived to provide quality customer service to the citizens of Kansas and leads by example to other state employees. We appreciate his commitment to the citizens of Kansas and recognize his 40 years of service.

Department of Commerce-

Barbara Knoebber

Barbara Knoebber has been programming for the state of Kansas since joining the Kansas State Department of Education as a computer programmer trainee in 1975. With the Department of Education, she worked on systems for teacher certification, Kansas school accreditation and school finance, and prepared and compiled data for Kansas unified school districts and educational organizations. She also produced reports for the Legislature and helped make payments to Kansas school districts.

After 23 years with the Department of Education, Barbara transitioned to America's Job Link Alliance, where she continued to work as a programmer. With AJLA, she originally coded for mainframe programs and then later for servers. Currently, Barbara helps code and maintains web-based software for workforce agencies. This allows workforce case managers to produce online reports and help job seekers find employment using AJLA products.

Department of Health and Environment-

Linda White

Linda White started her career as a clerk typist for the Kansas Bicentennial Commission in 1975 after graduating from Kaw Area Vocational Technical School. In 1976 she began working for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Environment as a clerk typist in the clerical pool. Moved into a Secretary I position for the Bureau of Water Supply under Director, Jack Burris, and in 1985 when water and wastewater bureaus joined and became the Bureau of Water Protection, she continued to work as a Secretary I in the Permits and Compliance Unit, under several unit chiefs: J. Howard Duncan, Jack Alexander, Mike Tate and Dave Waldo. After changes again in the Bureau of Water Protection to the Bureau of Water she continued to work for the Public Water Supply Section under Section Chief Dave Waldo. In 2007 she was upgraded to an Administrative Specialist within the Bureau of Water, Public Water Supply Section, under Section Chief, Dave Waldo, and worked for him until he retired in 2012. In 2013 a new Section Chief, Darrel Plummer, was appointed whom she worked for until he retired in March of 2015. She continues to work for the Bureau of Water, Public Water Supply Section.

Donald Carlson

In 1973 received a BS Degree in Civil Engineering and in 1974 received an MS Degree in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University. Currently a Kansas Licensed Professional Engineer. Was one of the last employees hired by the Kansas Board of Health, the predecessor to what is now the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Entire State career has been with the KDHE Bureau of Water. Over the years, has been responsible for managing various program areas in the Bureau of Water. Currently serves as the Chief of the Industrial Program Section and is responsible for assisting and regulating industries in Kansas regarding wastewater permitting, treatment, and disposal activities.

Dept. of Labor-

Tony Chien

Came to this great country as a foreign student in August of 1969. Attended Kansas State University and earned a Master's of Science in Computer Science.

Made a decision to remain in the great state of Kansas. Joined the Kansas Civil Service on June 18, 1975 and have worked with SRS, DOT and KDOL.

My primary responsibilities through the years as a System Software Analyst III are to provide timely production/testing of IBM CICS online telecommunication subsystem and its network for KDOL & Inter-agency/inter-state users.

I am greatly appreciated that the Kansas Civil Service (SRS, DOT & KDOL) have given me the opportunity to spend my entire working career in the great state of Kansas. After 40 years of service, I consider it to be "A Small Miracle".

Department of Revenue-

Cynthia Halstead

Cynthia Halstead lives in Topeka, Kansas. She began her state service with the Kansas Department of Revenue in 1975 as a Word Processor. She also worked in a Keyboard Operator position until promoting to a Revenue Customer Representative position in 1998. In 2006, Cynthia promoted to her current position of Revenue Customer Rep Senior.

Linda May

Linda May lives in Carbondale, Kansas. She started her state service with the Kansas Insurance Department in 1975 as a Clerk Stenographer. In 1981, she promoted to a Word Processing position with the Kansas Department of Revenue. In 1998, she promoted to an Accountant I position in the Budget/Purchasing area of KDOR. She promoted to her current position of Accountant 3 in 2001.

Leanne Renner

Leanne Renner lives in Topeka, Kansas. She started with the Kansas Department of Revenue in 1975 in a Clerk I position. In 1978, she promoted to a Clerk III position. She promoted to a Tax Examiner I position in 1996, to a Tax Examiner 2 in 1998, and to her current position of Revenue Customer Representative Specialist in 2003.

Diana Shipley

Diana Shipley lives in Topeka, Kansas. She started her state service with the Department of Administration in 1974 as a Data Entry clerk. She also worked for the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Department of Transportation in Data Entry and Office Assistant positions. In 2004, she promoted to a Senior Administrative Assistant at KDOR and in 2005 transferred to the Corporation Commission. In 2010, Diana transferred to her current position in the Commercial Motor Vehicles area of the Department of Revenue.

Glenda Wilk

Glenda Wilk lives in Topeka, KS. Glenda began working in the Division of Alcohol and Beverage Control at KDOR in March 1975 in a Clerk Typist position. She recalls using typewriters, carbon paper and liquid white out to create documents. She promoted to a Clerk III position in 1977 and then in 1979 took a position with the Kansas Board of Agriculture.

At the Board of Agriculture, she worked with the Meat and Poultry Inspection division as the division director's secretary. After 19 years and many changes throughout the program, she began working in the Fiscal section of the Board. She kept track of all the vehicles and maintenance for the department, among other duties. After four years she was asked to come back to the Meat and Poultry Inspection program where she worked for another 12 years. After the Department of Agriculture's move to Manhattan which required her to commute to and from work every day, she felt fortunate when she was hired back in 2014 at KDOR in the Division of Vehicles located in Topeka.

She currently works as the Inventory Manager with the Vehicle Administrative Support Team of the Division of Vehicles where she works with personalized license plates and approving inventory orders for the counties.

One of the things that Glenda remembers about her early days at KDOR is that people were allowed to smoke at their desks and that is why she went to work at the Board of Agriculture. Glenda is proud of her 40 years of state service but she does like people to know that she started working as a teenager. She is married to Ray Wilk who has worked for 40 years at KDOR and they have three grown children of whom they are both very proud and three grandchildren.

Ray Wilk

Ray Wilk lives in Topeka. All of his 40 years of state service have been with KDOR. He started with KDOR in 1975 as a Duplicating Machine Operator I microfilming paperwork for title

applications. A year later, Ray promoted to a Duplicating Machine Operator II and ran a printing press in Office Services. In 1980, he began supervising the Microfilm section of the Quality Control Bureau and promoted to an Office Supervisor position six years later. In 1988, Ray became an Administrative Officer and became the manager of Titles processing and of the customer front counter in the Titles and Registration bureau. He subsequently promoted to a Public Service Administrator I and then a Public Service Administrator II,

In 2010, Ray began working as a Legislative and Policy Analyst for the Division of Vehicles and recently added managing the customer Front Counter for the Division. Ray says that he really enjoys working with the legislative process and the legislators. It requires knowing and understanding the statutes governing titles and registrations, drafting legislation and developing policies and procedures to implement statutory requirements.

Ray remembers walking into the Docking Building on his first day of work. At that time, it was just called the State Office Building because it was the only one. He looked at the date the building was completed and he realized that he was the same age as the building. It never occurred to him that he would outlast Docking but he is planning to keep on going even though the building will come to an end.

Department of Transportation-

John W. Boxberger

John began his career at the State Highway Commission in December 1974 as an EO I for the Russell subarea. In Feb. 1982, John promoted to an EO II; in August 1998, he promoted to the EO III position, and in Jan. 2002, John was appointed as the EO Specialist. In November 2002, John was appointed to his current position as a Highway Maintenance Supervisor where he oversees maintenance activities and the crew of the Russell subarea. John will be retiring from KDOT in September 2015.

Mitchell J. Favinger

Mitch started with the State Highway Commission as a temp. laborer in June 1975; he then hired on as an EO I in August 1975 for the Smith Center subarea. He promoted to an EO II, in Sept. 1981, and in July 1986 Mitch was appointed the EO III position. Mitch promoted to his current position in June 1983 as the Highway Maintenance Supervisor for the Smith Center subarea, where he oversees and delegates maintenance activities for the subarea crew.

Milton K. Tacha

Milton started with the state of Kansas on September 18, 1974. He promoted to an EO II on July 18, 1990. His position was reclassified to an EO in 2001. He promoted to EO Sr. on October 24, 2004.

Kansas Bureau of Investigation-

Dennis McPhail

I graduated from the College of Emporia in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. I worked as an Analytical Research Chemist for a private lab in Kansas City for 3 years until I became employed at the KBI as a Forensic Scientist in 1974. From 1974 until 1985 I worked in the Chemistry Section where I performed drug, paint, glass, and arson analyses. In 1985 I transferred to the Documents Section where I trained to become a Documents Examiner

under Gary Clark and Charles Kauffman. I received my certification as a Documents Examiner with the American Board of Forensic Documents Examiners in 1995. There are currently only 107 certified Documents Examiners in the world. I am also a member of Midwest Assoc. of Forensic Scientists. I have testified as an expert witness over 500 times in state and federal courts while employed by the KBI.

Ft. Hays State University-

Dr. Robert Meier

Dr. Robert Meier joined the Fort Hays State University faculty as an Assistant Professor of Business Administration in the fall semester of 1974. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1978 and Full Professor in 1983. From 1988 to 2002 he served as the chair of the Department of Computer Information Systems. At present, he is actively involved in full-time teaching, service, and research in the Department of Informatics. The University Presidents under whom he has served include Dr. John Gustad, Dr. Gerald Tomanek, Dr. Edward Hammond, and Dr. Mirta Martin.

Kansas State University-

Frieda Beat

My name is Frieda Beat. I was born and raised in Kansas. My 40 years of state service have all been with Kansas State University. I began employment with Kansas State University in February 1975 as a Clerk Typist II in the Comptroller's Office after attending Brown Mackie Business College in Salina, Kansas. I also worked a few years as secretary for the Kansas Water Resources Research Institute (KWRI). In April 1981 I began employment with Personnel Services. I started out as an Account Clerk II in the Benefits section, and have worked in Employment Benefits & Records, Information Management, and HRIS Training & Support of Human Resources. Currently I am a Human Resource Professional III with the Division of Human Capital Services, Resource Center & Operations.

Elizabeth (Libby) W. Curry

Libby Curry began her career with Kansas State University Research and Extension in the position of Cheyenne County Extension Home Economist. She held this position from March 1975 until October 1993, at which time she became the Northwest Area Family and Consumer Science Specialist, the position she currently holds. Throughout her career she has worked to build capacity in volunteers and the professional staff of KSRE.

Marlene Walker

My employment started with working for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation services. I transferred to Kansas Technical Institute which later became Kansas College of Technology and later Kansas State University.

Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility-

Becky Carter

Becky began her employment with the State of Kansas in 1975, working in a temporary position within the Activity Therapy Department at the Larned State Hospital. The following year, she applied for an Activity Therapy position at the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility, and has been working with youth ever since. Becky promoted to supervisor of the AT department, and in addition to her AT duties, she also served in many other roles, including group leader, staff

trainer, and treatment team leader. Currently, she is a Corrections Counselor II and team leader of the Mann Unit. She also serves as chairman of the LJCF Green Team, leading the facility's recycling efforts.

Becky feels fortunate and thankful to have worked at LJCF for so long. A two-time breast cancer survivor, she battled the disease in 1997 and again in 2000. "There was a time during my second cancer that I didn't think I would see my 30th year of employment," she said. "By the grace of God, and with the help of good friends and co-workers, I survived." For 34 days in a row, those good friends and co-workers took her the 150-mile round trip to Hutchinson for radiation therapy, and then had supper waiting for her at home. After many surgeries, chemotherapy, and radiation treatment, she was happy to be working again – and grateful that LJCF Administration allowed her to re-arrange her work hours. It was difficult at times, she recalls, but she just kept persevering to get through all the side-effects of her treatment therapy.

Another one of the reasons that Becky has remained at LJCF for such a long time is that she believes in the concepts and the programming presented at the juvenile facility. She finds encouragement in seeing a young man who is changing his life and thriving after absorbing all the information that staff have taught to him. "For every problem a youth has," she said, "there is also a strength or talent. It's easy to see problems, but it's hard to pull out the strength or something good in a person. Once you recognize the positive in someone, you start seeing and creating the change – and that's the true reward of working here."

Becky is an avid golfer, who also enjoys vegetable gardening and working outside. She has three brothers, with whom she plays golf at courses across the state. She is a fanatic for college foot-ball and enjoys attending games to support her Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Parsons State Hospital and Training Center-

Nora Manier

My name is Nora Manier , I've worked over half my life at Parsons. I've gotten to experience many changes which include piloting a cooking program in which the residents got to cook on the cottage. This gave them a sense of accomplishment and independence. I did such a great job that I was asked to present my progress and programs at a workshop in Nebraska. I work very hard to get my residents to be as Independent as possible and even harder at getting my co-workers to let them. I've seen lots of changes over the years and most have been good, I continue to make the lives of the residents I work with better, after all they are my other family. My girls have grown up sharing me with my second family at Parsons.

University of Kansas-

David Darwin

David Darwin is the Deane E. Ackers Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Civil, Environmental & Architectural Engineering at the University of Kansas, where he joined the faculty in 1974. His areas of study include structural engineering and engineering materials. He has a special love of all things concrete!

Tyrone E. Duncan

Tyrone E. Duncan is Professor of Mathematics at KU where he has taught since 1974. He teaches a broad range of mathematics and his research focuses on applications of probability

for which he has been supported by the National Science Foundation for more than forty years. His wife, Bozena Pasik-Duncan, is Chancellor's Club Teaching Professor in Mathematics and their daughter does research in neuroscience.

Gene Hotchkiss

Gene Hotchkiss began his career with the state of Kansas in 1974 with the Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services as administrator of pharmacy services programs. He joined the KU School of Pharmacy in 1986 as Assistant Dean and Director of Experiential Programs. His current position as Senior Associate Dean includes student advising and support services; recruitment and admissions; alumni relations; and, teaching. My life has been enriched through teaching and mentoring students.

Paul Liechti

Paul has contributed 40 years of service to KU as an aquatic biologist with the Kansas Biological Survey. In addition to surveying the aquatic resources of the State and managing the Survey's facilities and equipment, he has served on a number KU and State committees and conducted sponsored research. He enjoys gardening and spending time with his two grandsons.

Malcolm Neelley

Malcolm Neelley started his 40 years at KU in 1974 as a Clerk Typist II in the KU Professional & Continuing Education department. His first piece of equipment was an IBM Correcting Selectric II typewriter with which he keystroked the camera-ready copy of study guides for KU correspondence students. Malcolm has enjoyed how his hardware has become more sophisticated over the years: he now uses a Macintosh iMac computer. Malcolm still works at KUPCE where he does computer layout of brochures and other publications, and he also creates targeted email files and helps maintain the KUPCE website.

Virginia Nichols

Virginia Nichols has been with the Office of Institutional Research and Planning her entire 40 year career. For many years she has been responsible for the annual updating of the *KU Profiles* (fact book).

Mary Roach

Mary Roach has contributed 40 years of service to the KU Libraries as a member of the library faculty. She started in the KU Libraries in 1975 after earning an AMLS from the University of Michigan. She has led cataloging and technical services with the libraries. Since 2013, she has held the position of associate dean, providing internal leadership for KU Libraries and directing operations and activities across the libraries' four divisions. In December, 2014, she was appointed Interim Co-Dean of the KU Libraries.

Jean Ann Summers

Dr. Summers first came to the University in 1968 as a Clerk-Steno II, where she worked in the Bureau of Child Research. Through the years she continued her education and received her Ph.D. in 1987, in Special Education. She is now an Associate Director of the Beach Center on Disability and Research Director at the Research and Training Center on Independent Living. Both of these are Centers within the Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies.

Alberta Wright

I have worked for the University of Kansas for over 45 years. My tenure began as a photocopy clerk in Watson Library, followed by Audio Visual, then African Studies where I was able to earn a B.S. degree in Journalism when cost to employees was \$11/hr. My next position was in Human Development Child Development Preschools, then Occupational Therapy which transitioned me onto the KU Medical Center campus. I transferred to Information Systems to work on the install team for the electronic admissions system followed by the School of Nursing. I later returned to the Lawrence campus as acting director for Minority Affairs (now Multicultural Affairs). 2001 saw me into my current position in the School of Social Welfare Field Education Office. Hobbies I have enjoyed, thanks to my vast exposure to people from diverse cultures, include ballet/international dance, drumming, fashion design and now photography.

University of Kansas Medical Center-**Arnold Chonko MD**

Dr. Arnold Chonko came to the University of Kansas Medical Center in 1974 on a research fellowship after completing his clinical fellowship training at Ohio State University. He initially trained under Dr. Jared Grantham in exploring organic anion transport in isolated perfused renal tubules. He received a NIH R01 grant in 1976 to continue this line of research for several years through 1982. As part of this effort, Dr. Chonko co-authored several elegant articles in basic science and clinical journals, including an article in the American Journal of Physiology on the nature of uric acid transport. This early laboratory experience laid the groundwork for his subsequent career as a clinical scholar with a primary interest in exploring new therapeutics for diabetes and hypertension. In addition to his accolades as a physician-scientist, Dr. Chonko is also recognized as an outstanding teacher.

During his 40 years at KUMC, he has shared his wealth of experience in general and specialized nephrology taught from patho-physiologic principles learned at the research bench. In 1977, Dr. Chonko received the Outstanding Teaching Award from the Department of Medicine for his dedication to training the next generation of nephrologists. Dr. Chonko was promoted to Professor of Medicine in 1986. In 2007, he was presented the University of Kansas Honorary Alumnus Award. He has trained over 90 nephrology fellows and continues to inspire all those who train and work with him.

Daniel Hinthorn, MD

Daniel Hinthorn began KU Medical School in 1963. After graduation, he interned at St. Luke's Hospital before returning to KUMC for Internal Medicine residency and Infectious Diseases Fellowship with Chien Liu, MD. He spent two years with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer. Later, he was appointed Instructor by Norton Greenberger in 1973, while he was still an Infectious Diseases Fellow. Within ten years of his appointment, he was promoted to Professor of Medicine. Subsequently, because of his teaching activities in other departments, he was also appointed Professor of Family Medicine, and Professor of Pediatrics. From 1983 to 1999, Dr. Hinthorn was the director of the second year medical student course, Introduction to Physical Diagnosis, through which all medical students learned the art and science of medicine. During that time, he was given numerous teaching awards from his students and from residents in internal medicine and family medicine.

Dr. Hinthorn was appointed to be Director of the Division for Infectious Diseases in July, 1999, and he has been Vice Chair of the Internal Medicine Department since 2002. For many years, Dr. Hinthorn gave fifty lectures per year, with a strong belief in "free speech," and he is content

to give talks without remuneration. He has taught medical students, challenged Internal Medicine Residents and inspired Infectious Diseases Fellows. He mentors faculty in all Departments and Divisions throughout the hospital, and has been the recipient of Top Doctor awards annually since their inception. His unfailing professionalism to patients is a model for all medical staff to follow.

Dr. Hinthorn's most enduring legacy to the University of Kansas may be his service in the Division of Infectious Diseases. During these years, he has grown faculty positions from 2 to 11, grown the fellowship program from 2 fellows to 6, been active in training 75 Infectious Diseases fellows in addition to training numerous Internal Medicine residents, pharmacy residents, and nearly 3,000 medical students in physical diagnosis. Nearly one-half of his former fellows are involved in medical education themselves. He is most concerned about his trainees holistically, that they not only stay on the forefront scientifically but that they maintain a work-life and spiritual balance, treating others including their own families, as they would wish to be treated.

Donald Holland, Sr.

Donald R. Holland, Sr. began his career at the University of Kansas Medical Center on August 26th, 1974. While attending college, Donald was working for the department of Dietetics and Nutrition as a day shift supervisor. While contemplating if he wanted to become a Dietician, Electronics Technician, or police officer for the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. An opportunity came for Donald to work for the KUMC Police Department. After applying and passing the required state civil service test, Donald was hired in 1978 as a KUMC Police Officer and was accepted into the University of Kansas Law Enforcement Training Academy in Hutchinson, Kansas. Upon graduation from the police academy Donald was assigned to police operations. Donald has been promoted numerous times from police officer to Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and as of 2003, Captain. Donald has earned an Associate's and Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, and has been recognized as a leader and received numerous awards including; 5 certificates of commendations, meritorious service award, officer of the year award, and recognized by the University for Dedicated Service.

Captain Holland has contributed many innovations and programs as to bettering the KUMC police department's service to the campus community. This includes in car dash cameras, tasers, radar units, and surveillance equipment. Additionally, he was named to the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools' Reasons to Believe Alumni Honor Roll, as an acknowledgement for his work in the community and service as a role model through his image and accomplishments. Donald is married and has two sons, two daughters, three granddaughters and a grandson.

Carol Lindsley, MD

Dr. Carol Lindsley joined the faculty of KUMC in 1974 as an Assistant Professor in Pediatric Rheumatology, establishing the first Pediatric Rheumatology Division in the Midwest. In 1984, Dr. Lindsley was one of 12 nation-wide recipients of a grant from The Department of Health and Human Services that established the Mid-America Pediatric Rheumatology Outreach Program, which provides outreach clinic services to children in six rural locations in Kansas. This program remains the only state-wide outreach clinic program for children with juvenile arthritis and related conditions in the nation. Her commitment to education led her to serve as the Clerkship Director, then Residency Director, as she moved to Full Professor in 1989. Dr. Lindsley was Chair of the Department of Pediatrics from 1997 – 2004.

As a skilled physician and teacher, she has been recognized for her outstanding work over the years by prominent local and national organization. She won the Pediatric Department Outstanding Teacher Award in 1979 and again in 1992 and the American Academy of Pediatrics Cassidy Award for Teaching, awarded through the Rheumatology Section of the AAP, in 2005. The American College of Rheumatology honored Dr. Lindsley in 2006 with The ACR Master Award, and again in 2011 with the ACR Service Award. She has also been

recognized for her teaching by her colleagues in other national and international settings. She was a member of the original sub-board of the American Board of Pediatrics to establish certification in pediatric rheumatology. In addition, she has conducted, and participates in, clinical research, and has authored numerous texts and publications and serves on numerous peer-review editorial boards. She also co-authored *Textbook of Pediatric Rheumatology*. What is most impressive about Dr. Lindsley is how greatly appreciated she is by faculty, residents, students and staff, not only for her skills as a physician, educator and mentor, but also for her calm and thoughtful demeanor.

Herbert Lindsley, MD

Dr. Herbert B. Lindsley started his long and illustrious career at the University of Kansas Medical Center as a medical student, graduating in 1966, and became a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical Society that same year. Over the next 5 years he completed his training in Internal Medicine followed by Rheumatology at the University of Washington in Seattle. He then served as a Major in the U.S. Army Medical Core at Walter Reed Army Institute Of Research for 3 years. In 1974, he returned to The University of Kansas Medical Center as an Assistant Professor of Medicine joining the Allergy and Rheumatology program headed by the late Dr. Daniel Stechschulte, the beginning of a 40-year-old academic career at KUMC. As a result of his exemplary career he rose through the academic ranks and was promoted to full Professor of Internal Medicine in 1991. During his tenure, he has also served as the Interim Division Director and Interim Rheumatology Fellowship Program.

As a clinician and scientist, Dr. Lindsley has had special interests and expertise in rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis. He has used his passions to remain active in service to the university and on the national level, and has been honored and recognized by a host of organizations. Additionally, he has received extramural grants for investigator-initiated trials, remained active in therapeutic clinical trials, and has received continuous funding to conduct numerous studies. He is well known for his procedural skills and expertise as one of the regional and national pioneers in the use of musculoskeletal ultrasound in the field of Rheumatology.

Dr. Lindsley has been passionate about patient care, which he has remarked as the most rewarding aspect of his career. He has devoted his clinical career to the evaluation and management of patients suffering from Rheumatic diseases. His patients love him and develop long patient-physician relationships that last decades, a testament to his clinical excellence and genuine care. What he also holds dear and finds rewarding is teaching, mentoring and training medical students, residents and subspecialty fellows. Dr. Herbert B. Lindsley has distinguished himself as a role model and exceptional academic clinician and scientist who is well respected by his colleagues and patients.

He has accomplished all the above tirelessly while raising two successful sons along with his wife, Dr. Carol Lindsley, a similarly well-known Pediatric Rheumatologist at KUMC.

Allen B. Rawitch Ph.D

Allen B. Rawitch, Ph.D. is a Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He served as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of Kansas Medical Center from 200 through 2013. He earned an Associate Degree in Chemistry from Pierce College in Woodland Hills, CA and then obtained his bachelors and doctoral degrees from UCLA in Chemistry and Biological Chemistry. After a 2-year postdoctoral experience at the University of Illinois, Urbana, he joined the faculty at Kent State University in 1969. In 1975, he moved to the University of Kansas Medical Center and is currently a Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Dr. Rawitch has served as Vice Chair, Director of Graduate Studies and recently, as the interim Chair of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He also served as Assistant Dean in the School of Medicine and was the founding Director of the Harry Wahl Academic Society in the School of

Medicine. Educational responsibilities have included medical and graduate teaching. He was the Course Director for Medical Biochemistry for over 20 years and is the recipient of 6 Student Voice Awards for outstanding teaching, the Chancellors Award for Distinguished Teaching, a Kemper Fellowship for Distinguished Teaching and a Ruth T. Bohan Teaching Professor Award from the School of Medicine.

Dr. Rawitch was a recipient of a Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health. He has been awarded grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association. Research interests include protein structure/function and molecular endocrinology. In addition to his responsibilities at the Medical Center, Dr. Rawitch is a Reserve Captain and detective with the Overland Park Police Department where he has served for 35 years as a part-time police officer.

Stanton Jay Rosenthal, MD, FACR

Stanton Jay Rosenthal, MD, FACR is Professor of Radiology and Head of the Section of Ultrasound at KUMC. He and his wife Sharon are proud parents of two daughters. Except for service in the US Public Health Service and fellowship at the University of California, Dr. Rosenthal has spent his entire career at KUMC. He graduated from our medical school in 1971 and after radiology residency and fellowship became head of the section of Ultrasound in 1980. He has published on varied facets of diagnostic ultrasound and received awards for many scientific exhibits including the Silver Medal of the American Roentgen Ray Society. He served as Chair of Radiology from 2002-2012.

Andrea Shaw

Andrea Shaw was employed by KUMC's Clendenen Library while earning her bachelor degree in fine arts from the Kansas City Art Institute. After graduation, she continued to work at KUMC while earning her master degree in adult and continuing education from the University of Missouri - Kansas City. She has worked over 34 years in continuing education at KUMC and currently serves as the Interim Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development.

Don Smith

Don Smith has worked at KUMC since 1974, first in the Dept. of Pathology as a Research Associate for Dr. J.K. Frenkel until 1988. He then transferred to the Division of Allergy, Clinical Immunology, and Rheumatology working first for Dr. H.B. Lindsley and then Dr. K.N. Dileepan. More recently, he has worked for Dr. Dileepan, part time, as a Research Assistant. He has over 270 publications to his credit that include peer reviewed scientific papers in Herpetology, Parasitology, and Cell Biology; numerous scientific abstracts; and numerous free-lance publications related to natural history, fishing, hunting and camping. Don is married to Phyllis A. Bredehoft, a nurse at Children's Mercy Hospital, and they have fraternal twins, Katherine and William.

Wichita State University-

Sharmon Holcomb

My name is Sharmon Holcomb and I started working in the Registrar's Office February 18, 1975 when the Registrar, Bill Sampson, offered me the position of Clerk-Typist II. I have held 5 different positions all in the Registrar's Office. I briefly worked as a temp in James Rhatigan's office before I interviewed for the job in the Registrar's Office. My current title as Degree Specialist is to make sure the students "pending" Degrees are maintained on the form used and at the end of Spring, Summer, and Fall semesters to have personnel award the students' degrees in a timely manner. Recipient of the "Bender of the Twigs" award.

50 Year Employees

Department of Administration-

Kathleen (Kathy) Hackett

With the Kansas Department of Administration's (KDOA) Office of Personnel Services, celebrated 50 years of employment with the state of Kansas Aug 1. Hackett started her career with the Department of Hotel and Restaurant Board as a Clerk Typist. She has served during the administrations of 11 governors (from John Anderson to Gov. Sam Brownback). She has worked for KDOA for the past 41 years. She currently works as an Administrative Specialist assisting state personnel staff with transactions in the PeopleSoft Human Resource Management software.

Department of Transportation-

Bobby J. Gassmann

Bobby Gassmann began working for the State Highway Commission in September 1964 as a Clerk Typist for Div. 3, Oakley Office. In Aug. 1971, Bobby promoted to Clerk Typist II, and in July 1979, Bobby was appointed to the Oakley Area Office Manager. She remained as the Area Office Manager and oversaw the fiscal and personnel duties for the Area 4 section of District 3. Bobby retired from KDOT in March 2015 with over 50 years of service.

Wichita State University-

Buddy A. Johns

I was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, one of five children of Ava and Hazel Johns, who came from Oklahoma to Kansas in the 1930's. Some of my ancestors came to Kansas in the 1870's. I attended Friend's University in Wichita on scholarships and received a Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude, with majors in mathematics and physics and a minor in music. I was the first student in the university's history to graduate with straight A grades. I did my graduate work at the University of Kansas, attending on scholarships and teaching assistantships. While at the University of Kansas I was a teaching assistant and a National Science Foundation Research Assistant. I was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa. I graduated from the University of Kansas with a Master of Arts degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree, both in mathematics. I began teaching at Wichita State University in the fall of 1964, and I have taught there more than fifty years.

At the University of Wichita I have been a teacher, a longtime student advisor and mentor, and a member or chairperson of several committees. For many years I have chaired the Scholarship Committee of the Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics. I pioneered teaching classes on the Internet within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. My special interest in mathematics is the mathematics associated with artificial limbs and artificial vision and hearing. My hobbies include church work, traveling, and outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, canoeing, and hiking. I also enjoy music, piano, photography, woodworking, metalworking, and electronics.